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MORETON BAY REGIONAL COUNCIL

Finalist at State Awards

The Winners and Finalists of the **2019 Gallery and Museum Achievement Awards** (GAMAA) were proudly announced on Thursday 19 September at a special presentation event, held at the recently opened Cairns Performing Arts Centre, Far North Queensland.

Moreton Bay Regional Council was recognised as a **Finalist** for its outstanding achievement in the category of Engagement: Organisations with Paid Staff for its new ***Community Cultural Capacity: Curatorial Development Framework***.

Did you know that Moreton Bay Regional Council (MBRC) is the third largest local government in Australia, and owns and operates three art galleries: Caboolture Regional Art Gallery, Redcliffe Art Gallery and Pine Rivers Art Gallery?

MBRC is committed to fostering and developing the artistic practice of regionally-based artists and to creating a vibrant arts community in the Moreton Bay region. To support Council's three galleries in achieving this goal, a new Curatorial Development Program was created to enhance the capacity of local artists and arts groups.

The Curatorial Development Program framework maps key milestones in an exhibition's development and allows community art groups to actively participate in the curatorial process from start to finish.

Museums & Galleries Queensland (M&G QLD) Executive Director, Rebekah Butler said, "Moreton Bay Regional Council is commended for its collaborative approach in developing its new *Community Cultural Capacity: Curatorial Development Framework*. This has generated genuine engagement, trust and pride amongst the artists and groups involved and further developed their professional practice."

The GAMAA were established by Museums & Galleries Queensland in 2004 to honour the achievements of our State's individuals and organisations in striving towards excellence.

Robert Ryan, the Senior Co-ordinator Community Programs for Mackay Regional Council and 2019 GAMAA judge, presented awards to this year's Winners and Finalists. The Winners received an exquisitely crafted trophy by Queensland artist, Lucy Quinn. Commissioned by M&G QLD, the trophies are generously sponsored by our long-standing Awards supporter, Brian Tucker Accounting.

The awards were hosted at Cairns Performing Arts Centre in front of representatives of Queensland's public museum and gallery sector, including delegates of M&G QLD's 2019 State Conference, *Opening Doors*, also presented in Cairns.

M&G QLD acknowledges the tremendous support of the 2019 GAMAA sponsors: Brandi Projects; Cairns Regional Council; Brian Tucker Accounting; Public Galleries Queensland; and Australian Museums and Galleries Association (Queensland).

For the full list of GAMAA Winners and Finalists see:

<http://www.magsq.com.au/cms/page.asp?ID=5036>

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